# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2193
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PROMOTION OF COIR
P.C. THOMAS

**Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are to pay Rs. 34,597 for 1994-95, Rs.3,40,76,875 for 1997-98, Rs. 3,16,07,303 for 1998-99 and Rs. 4,68,85,137 for 1999-2000 to Kerala as 50% rebate as per recommendations of the Planning Commission for sale of coir and coir products in the co-operative sector/State sector for enabling the coir co-operative societies and State coir development corporation to liquidate the accumulated stock and also to promote the consumption of coir yarn and coir products throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the broad features of the scheme alongwith the present status with regard to the above said payment?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRO & RURAL INDUSTRIES ( SHRI NIKHIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY )

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The budgetary support for rebate on coir and coir products was intended to be restricted on the basis of the ceiling imposed by the Planning Commission. As such, there should not have been any build up of arrears of rebate claims with the State Governments. Moreover, during 1997-98, an additional rebate of Rs. 3 crore was allowed at the Revised Estimate (RE) stage which was a one time measure for the payment of rebate arrears. In view of this no further financial support can be given by the Government of Indiain this regard. Now the rebate scheme has been replaced by the Market Development Assistance Scheme with effect from 2000-01.